

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the August 2, 2006 Office Action issued in connection with the above-noted application.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 have been amended as indicated above. Claims 7, 8, 10 and 21-23 have been canceled, and new claim 24 has been added. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requests that the application be restricted to one of the following groups of claims:

Group 1: Claims 1-21 and 23, which are drawn to a storage device, or

Group 2: Claim 22, which is drawn to a method of use.

Accordingly, the applicant confirms its election of Group 1, made during the Examiner's July 20, 2006 telephone interview with the undersigned. Claim 22 has been withdrawn and has now been canceled.

The Examiner objects to claims 2-6, 8-10, 12 and 14-18 as being indefinite since the term "the frame means" lacks sufficient antecedent basis. In response, the applicant has amended claim 1 to change the term "frames" to "frame means". Claim 2 has been amended as indicated above, to clarify that when one of the frame means is rotate relative to another frame means, the rotated frame means is rotated about a substantially central axis thereof. The above-noted amendments to claims 1 and 2 are submitted to overcome the Examiner's indefiniteness objection.

On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 8-10 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Accordingly, the applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claims 7 and 8, which have in turn been deleted. Amended claim 1 should therefore now be in allowable condition. Since claim 8 has been deleted, claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 2-6, 9 and 11-20, which depend from amended claim 1, are submitted to be allowable as well.

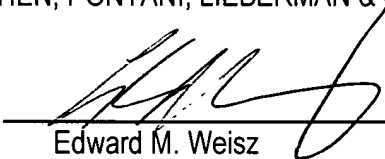
Independent claims 21 and 23 have been deleted. Accordingly, the Examiner's objections thereto are now moot.

The applicant has also rewritten claim 10 as new independent claim 24. New claim 24 incorporates the limitations of previous claims 1, 7 and 10 and should therefore also be allowable, based on the Examiner's statement on page 6 of the Office Action. Accordingly, claim 10 has been cancelled.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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